

## 9. Gorsaf Llanbobble

4mm-scale, 5mm gauge Toby Jones

Llanbobble represents a small fictitious 15" gauge line in south Wales, based loosely on Rookwood halt on the Perrygrove railway. The buildings are copies of real ones from villages in the area, such as the chapel at Bethesda. The track and stock have all been scratch built using Fairbourne, Perrygrove and Rhiw valley railways for prototypes and using the Perrygrove track which is 40lb rail and cut down standard gauge sleepers. The Rhiw's home built loco that used an old mini engine and gearbox is scaled from photos and made from brass. The Fairbourne line's railcar Whippet Quick, built in 1935 by Lister, is a plasticard body and brass chassis. Perrygrove's ex industrial full cab Lister is built in the same way.

## 10. Jurassic Park & The Deeping Project

Steve Dodd

These two layouts originate from the Great Model Railway Challenge season 2 (2019) and were the first two layouts from the 'Who's Counting Rivets' team. They have been rebuilt into a more compact and portable format, showing off the main features of both from the show. They have been further updated to feature computer controlled running for maximum audience engagement.

----

**Structures in Card** – Frome Valley Line Jon Sayers

**Somerset G Scale Group** Janet Royston

----

**Somerset and Dorset Railway Trust** A wide and varied selection of books (new and pre-owned), DVD's and other items on sale to raise funds for the work of the Trust <http://www.sdrtr.org/>

**Rod Saunders** Rod will be able to supply you with a wide range of used model railway equipment, and more. You will find him in front of the stage.

**GLR Bespoke Services** (Steve Dodd) offers a range of services including layout construction; layout wiring; control panel construction; digital fitting; light fitting in die cast vehicles; loco and rolling stock customising; and other commission work. You will find Steve on the stage. <https://www.glrailways.co.uk/>

**Old Moorewood** (Steve Ehrlicher) selling a range of old books, postcards, rolling stock photographs, maps, prints, luggage labels and other railway items to raise funds for the restoration of full size vintage Midland Railway coach no 255. Steve is also to be found on the stage.

**Kingfisher Productions** Stock up with those railway DVDs <https://railwayvideo.com/>

**Refreshments** are available for purchase in the foyer throughout the day. Sit, relax, and enjoy.

**49th MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION – EDINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024 & SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**The Somerset and Dorset Railway Trust Ltd.** is registered in England and Wales  
Company No. 8945535, Charity No. 1158865  
Registered Address: The Railway Station, Washford, Watchet, Somerset TA23 0PP

# Somerset and Dorset Railway Trust 48<sup>th</sup> Model Railway Exhibition 2023 Exhibition Guide



Welcome to our Exhibition. We are delighted to be holding a January exhibition for the first time in 3 years.

Whilst the Covid situation has improved over time, many of our regulars have been taking extreme care in public places. Please bear others in mind at all times and if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please do so. Sanitiser stations are available for your use.

We trust that you will be entertained and find the exhibits absorbing. If you have any questions, the exhibitors will be very pleased to answer them.

All proceeds from this Exhibition will go toward the work of the Trust. For more details, please visit our web site: [www.sdrtr.org](http://www.sdrtr.org)

## 1. Wylam Park (BR)

N-gauge

Dan Wylam

Wylam Park is a self-contained single board continuous run N-Gauge layout, It is often run in the 1980's sectorisation era. Wylam Park was designed and built in approximately 9 weeks after receiving a challenge to provide a small portable N gauge layout for an upcoming show. The stock is mostly Arriva Trains Wales passenger stock with the occasional freight working passing through. It is run on analogue power and features a controller on a long lead so that visitors can operate the outer line of track from the front of the layout.

## 2. Sheep Dip (BR(W))

OO-gauge

Rob Gunstone

Sheep Dip is best described as being an "Industrial something, located just to the left of somewhere". It has no basis in either location or prototype. With Hornby's decision to produce their Peckett W4 0-4-0ST and the release by Bachmann of their Scenecraft "Narrow Gauge Slate Building" range, the basis for a OO gauge industrial layout became apparent. After confirming that the entrance to the engine shed would, if raised slightly, accommodate a Peckett the job was done.

The baseboard is the top from a IKEA coffee table measuring 120cm x 40cm x 5cm and is flat, light and square. Trackwork is PECO code 75 streamline. Control is DC provided by a Gaugemaster Combi. All stock is RTR from either Bachmann or Hornby. Scenics are a mixture of materials from WWS, Woodland Scenics and MBR. Weathering is by Rob.

## 3. Margate Road

OO-gauge

Lee Thorpe

A double track through station that includes a small goods yard. A large variety of locos can be seen hauling passenger and freight trains around the main lines, whilst shunting movements take place in the goods yard. The layout is not set on an actual location but is named after the location of Hornby headquarters.

## 4. Quarry Lane (c2005)

EM scale

Gwynne Chivers

Quarry Lane is a fictional end of branch set somewhere in the West Midlands. Since the demise of Round Oak steelworks that it is now supplied from South Wales and is now a steel stockholder and produces structural steel members for the construction industry. Supplies are brought in either by covered steel carriers or in the smaller sliding wall vans. The fabrication side of the business uses a large quantity of lubricating oil supplied in bulk from Fawley. The yard is also used at times by Network Rail as a layover and unusual stock workings may be seen.

Although the passenger service was closed during the Beeching era recent residential re-development in the area has brought a re-introduction of services to both Birmingham Snow Hill and New Street. Various passenger stock may be seen on this line with class 150, 153 and 158 stock being used.

The trackwork is all EMGS 'ready to lay' and all the stock is 'ready to run' with just the wheelsets replaced by commercially available EM sets. The layout is DCC operated but the point control is traditionally switched with 'slow acting' point motors. Couplings are Kadee® for hands-free shunting operations.

## 5. Fry's Somerdale

OO-gauge

Callum Willcox

In 1924 Fry's new chocolate factory at Keynsham, near Bristol, was ideally located being near to the GW mainline between Bath and Bristol, with a rail link established onto the 228 acre site from the adjacent Keynsham Railway station. At its height, the factory employed over 5,000 staff and was served by some 2½ miles of sidings, with the site employing its own dedicated shunting locomotives; steam Sentinel No.7492 (now at the Avon Valley Railway) and replaced by Hunslet diesel No. D1009. Access site was via a ungated road crossing next to Keynsham Station round a sharp curve from a spur at the end of platform two on the up line and ran across the A4175 before passing through the narrow gateway. It remained in use until September 1978, with the main line connection removed in July 1980.

Built on three Scale Model Scenery laser cut baseboards, the layout is automated by a Blocksignalling SS2A DC shuttle system, shuttling between ends around every 40 seconds. Locomotives and stock cover the history of the site from the 1920's to 1970's, including Sentinel No.7492 in Fry's Somerdale livery.

Further details on site history and the layout can be seen in the October 2020 issue of 'Railway Modeller'.

## 6. Bridgwater 1904 (S&DJR)

O-gauge

Trevor Gibson

The line from Bridgwater to Edington was opened on 21 July 1890, built by the independent Bridgwater Railway Co. The station building was built of local brick with and had the appearance of an LSWR design. It stood at right angles to the two-bay island platform, upon which a canopy was built covering half its length. The goods yard, complete with shed, had ample facilities to handle commodities including coal, bricks, tiles and livestock. There was also a single road brick built engine shed with a 50ft turntable in front. The shed, extended in 1898 to accommodate two locomotives, was not used to stable locomotives overnight and was subsequently leased to the Co-op in 1928 for use as a store. Up until 1942 there was a 1056yd extension from the cattle dock to provide access to the brickworks and wharf and the east bank of the river Parrett.

When the line to Edington was closed in 1954 a new spur was laid from the S&D yard to connect it to the GWR docks branch. The goods yard remained in use until 7 July 1962 and the docks branch finally closed on 2 January 1967.

The layout is set in the Edwardian period of 1904 with all the stock being modified kit or scratchbuilt items representative of the glorious Prussian Blue days of the Somerset & Dorset Joint Railway. The buildings and structures are accurate models, scratchbuilt from drawings and photographs, in laser cut mdf and plasticard. Operations are to a sequence representing, in compressed form, a typical day's working on the branch during the golden age of the S&DJR.

Bridgwater features as 'Railway of the Month' in Railway Modeller, October and November 2019.

## 7. Woodbury Wharf (narrow gauge)

Richard Holder

Woodbury Wharf started life as a small triangular layout, built as an entry in the Dave Brewer Challenge at Expo Narrow Gauge at Swanley, Kent, in 2013 and originally called Windrush Wharf after the River Windrush in Oxfordshire, where my wife and I used to live. The challenge was to create a working narrow gauge layout on a triangular baseboard with sides in the ratio of 30:40:45 and a maximum size of 54cm by 72cm by 81cm, reflecting three 2013 anniversaries being celebrated: 30 years of Expo Narrow Gauge, 40 years of Meridian Models and 45 years of the Greenwich and District Narrow Gauge Railway Society. The layout was also presented at the Oxfordshire Narrow Gauge Modellers' Open Day in June 2014.

In 2018 the baseboard was extended to include a continuous circuit and a passing loop at the rear. It can be set to automatic mode with two trains running across the front of the layout in different directions in turn. LED lighting has been installed and a surrounding frame which includes the layout name has been added.

## 8. Burrow Mump

1/24<sup>th</sup> scale

Peter Hollins

This small demonstration layout shows what is possible with minimal space in a large scale. It is loosely based on the ex-peat tramways equipment preserved at Westonzoyland, some of which was previously at Washford. The layout was built to display a variety of models in 1/24 scale supplied by Range 24. These include a Lister rail truck and Vee skip wagons. Some scratch built rolling stock has been added and includes vehicles from the Gartell Light railway, Great Bush Railway and the Moseley Trust.